

## ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 256

Introduced by Mello, 5.

WHEREAS, the foundation of Nebraska agriculture, farm production, occurs on 47,400 farms representing 45.6 million acres of farmland in our state; and

WHEREAS, the acres of farmland in our state amount to 92.5% of the state's total land area; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's farm families are stewards of the land who contribute to the health, beauty, productivity, and quality of our state's water, soil, and forest resources for the benefit of all Nebraskans; and

WHEREAS, agriculture and the farming sector are the core of our state's health and economy, generating a financial output of over \$16.1 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska farmer, a symbol of strength and strong moral fiber, has displayed ingenuity in times of prosperity and perseverance in the face of hardships while supplying our state, nation, and world, with an abundance of high-quality agricultural goods and products; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska maintains a proactive role in supporting current family farmers and encouraging the succession of new, young farmers in an effort to raise awareness of the positive contribution farmers make in providing the necessary food

and fiber of everyday life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes the importance of farmers to the State of Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature designates July 25, 2009, as Farmer Appreciation Day in Nebraska.